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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Economic Issues and Initiatives

1. This memorandum summarizes the economic issues which I believe will be of paramount policy and intelligence concern over the coming year.

2. There are three ways you can increase your impact on the consideration of these issues:

- A. Consistent, informed presence (by you or your representative) at NSC, Economic Policy Council, and other fora downtown, supported by DDI and NIC research and publications.
- B. NIC Estimates
- C. Participation in or sponsorship of conferences and other external events/contacts.

3. Accordingly, attached are brief reviews of:

- A. The Changing Economic Environment
- B. The Driving Issues
- C. Estimative Reporting on the Issues
- D. Other Possible Initiatives

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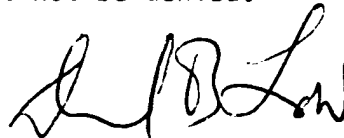


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4. By far, the most important method for you to make your presence felt in setting the agenda, and on the substance of economic issues with national security implications, is through consistent and forceful interest and involvement, directly (when the issue warrants) and through the NIO/Econ and other representatives and staff. This includes, of course, the wide range of DDI publications on economic issues with security implications.

5. The creation of the Economic Policy Council confronts us with a serious challenge to your ability to make your presence felt in this regard. You were notified only hours before the first EPC meeting, depriving us of time for proper preparation, and we were not even formally notified of the second meeting which took place yesterday. Also, on May 1 the Executive Secretary of the EPC sent a memo to members of the Council soliciting a list of domestic and international economic policy issues for consideration by the EPC. Weinberger, McFarlane, and you were not consulted. Secretary Baker and others must realize that CIA and the Intelligence Community have important contributions to make to the consideration of international economic issues, and that the national security community has a stake which must not be denied.



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